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REVOLVING DOOR: A PRAYER

If it were in order to offer a supsomething like this:

To come back to earth, where this happens, day by day in every office lieve, and Americans of a certain a real army program are surely jusbuilding a police regulation would class were especially prone to ac-tified in using the same argument. almost be justified. There is actual cept the notion, that the British emhas become a fearsome object.

have covered miles along the even England herself. Christmas trail, a Marathon course leading up and down stairs and over come a tale of the methods of Britaisle after aisle of the shops. We ish rule, which gives suggestion of have become wearied of the pushing how these things are brought to and shoving, the crowded cars and pass under the British system. Afthe congested marts. Nerves are on ter the Boer war, it will be recalled, edge and tempers tried.

the trenches so incessantly stormed pathizers were in the majority, and by the Yuletide armies.

We all must get together and help once a leader of the Boer armies as one another. Why wait till Satur- premier. It seemed almost unbe- for this statement. The fear of day for the Christmas spirit to get lievable that such a thing could have sorial raids and their consequences full hold of us? A smile and a been risked; but Britain knows the moved the whole country to adopt cheerful word will help. Let's all, buyer and seller alike, put a bridle on our tempers, get firm hold of ourselves and smile. Then smile again and see how the worries and vexations diminish.

do it now!

COULD AMERICA DO THIS?

The premier announces that the of three million men, and has demanded that another million be added. He did not commit himself as great empire in Africa. to the complete success of Lord Derby's recruiting scheme, but the demand for another million men at happen. Gen. Christian DeWet orthis time, accompanied with the ganized a little revolt, which failed States. Superior construction, reguwarning that every fit man is required, suggests that despite its remarkable accomplishments the voluntary recruiting plan is likely to proper charges of treason. require to be supplemented by a project for conscription.

But let it be set down that 3,000,-000 men have been raised the first sixteen months of the war. It is a wonderful accomplishment, considering that Britain was not organized. card-indexed or trained to appreciate the possibilities of such a demand ness issues are under discussion in this country, it may be worth while away from public meetings. to inquire whether the United States could do as well as Britain has done, without involuntary service. Statisticians have calculated that during our civil war, neither North nor South enlisted so large a proportion of their manhood in their armies before resort to conscription was necessitated. Surely this is a pretty effective answer to the critics of British patriotism.

Though it is too early for a report upon the financial success of the tions are that the support given the experiment met the most sanguine hopes of its promoters. If that be true Washington, at last, will have a grand opera season, for the reason for the Boston organization's visit by the developments of this and loss of life in the last year, by fire

of an annual visit to this city. which was reputed to give music in- which looks to building an immense different support, Washington, in navy and not backing it with an these calculations are credible, that the last few years, has proved its army large enough to preserve the the Zeppelins have saved life, have claim to be a real musical center. symmetry of a defense scheme. Not only the patronage accorded the Altogether too much talk is heard, an immense increase in enlistments opera engagement, but that given in quarters where intelligence should in the British army. There seem the symphony orchestras and the be superior to such proposals, about to be some points at which even the concert series, justifies this claim for building a navy as great as any on marvelous prescience of Prussian the Capital. Those who promote the the seas, but neglecting the army. militarism falls down. engagements for concerts report the There is a disposition to assume that best season in their history, and the navy, if it is big enough, would there has been a steady advance in patronage of concerts here, as well Some of the illogical aspects of bank' is strictly a woman's institution Teyte and Mme. Favlowa best season in their history, and the navy, if it is big enough, would Male "Lisle Bank" Robbed as a steady increase in their num- this argument are so plain that it dawned on Knute Ruddy after he had ber within the last few years.

Artists who come here in recital quire discussion. For example: come to Washington for the same means, as great as England's-undiscriminating and intelligent ain?

The Washington Times given that most of the concerts is the use being prepared to meet given here are presented in the Great Britain on the sea, while leavafternoon instead of at night, as ing the country incapable of coping. in most cities, and if Washington with Canada by land? ever attained a symphony hall, or a At the end of the present war, ternoons.

HOW BRITAIN MANAGES IT

prickly upper side, and a bountiful from the outside, the British system this side. might be.

From South Africa there has just secure against invasion. Britain very quicky restored the rule worn with their day-long stands in own people; the Boers and their symthey promptly came into control of It's hard business on everybody. the government, with General Botha, colonial business as no other nation have demonstrated her wisdom.

Nevertheless, while the Union of oughly loyal to the empire, there And remember -it is too late at were some exceptions. German to indemnify people against losses this hour to do your Christmas agents had worked long and sedu- caused by enemy bombs and even shopping early; it is not too late to lously to arouse disaffection; and by enemy guns not landed on Brit-British army has reached a strength Dutch elements in control. This, in- ed it. manic effort to gain control of a

But the expected-the expected, as Germany was expecting-did not to secure any real following, and lations, and distribution of protecwas quickly suppressed. Its leaders were arrested and locked up, on very

In like circumstances, Germany or Russia would almost certainly have convicted and sentenced these prisoners to death. Instead, they were sentenced to moderate punishments; the ringleader to six years in prison and to pay a fine. Now comes anleased on condition merely that they on her manhood. While prepared pay their fines, give their parole to keep out of politics, and to remain

It is hard to keep factional feeling and race prejudices alive in a country under such rule as this. In truth, however, South Africa is not ruled from Britain at all; it is as self-governing as Canada or Australia, or New Zealand. Its people have no reason to resent British interference with their affairs, because there is no such interference.

The little countries of the world have their own good reasons for pre-GRAND OPERA IN WASHINGTON ferring British to Germanic domination. Compare this incident of the Boer prisoners with the "Zabern inbrief opera season here, all indica- out, and the reasons are reasonably cident" a year before the war broke

ONE-SIDED PREPAREDNESS

here was to test out the possibility some other recent wars, it is that and the Zeppelins, has been less there is danger for the United States than the loss of life in fires during From a city, only a few years ago, in any one-sided preparedness plan times of peace.

would seem they ought not to re-

pronounce Washington audiences es- What is the use building a navy pecially appreciative. They like to as great as any on earth-which reason that theatrical folk like to less it is presumed that there is the play here, because they are assured possibility of war with Great Brit-

theater which was available at night, Canada will be full of veteran solthe success of musical presentations diers. There will be hundreds of would further be assured, for many thousands of them, capable of quick who would patronize recitals at mobilization and good service. The night cannot go to them in the af- country will be militarized; its spirit Detailed Account of Them Is will be that of the militaristic nations, and it will remain that for a generation at least, whether there shall be more wars or not. Canada, If Great Britain is not entitled to in short, would be the base of Britvery high rating for military effi- ish operations against the United ciency, there are some other re- States, if it can be imagined that a son's relations with the Chevy Chase spects in which assuredly she de- war between the two English-speak- Club is given in a letter written by serves to rank high. For one thing, countries might ever barren. A. S. Worthington, Washington attorplication to the powers of the myth- serves to rank high. For one thing, ing countries might ever happen, ney and member of the board of goverical world of red-hot coals and prong the world has been amazed at the The great Canadian development of nors of the club, and printed in the forks, one fervent prayer would run demonstration of loyalty and devo- military power, supported by the New York Sun this morning. The letter tion given by the British dominions British fleet and the capacity of was prompted, Mr. Worthington says May there be an especially hot in all parts of the world. Far from British to transport more troops to be en printed regarding the President and glowing bed of coals, an extra realizing German anticipations that this side of the Atlantic, would make declining an honorary membership in deputation of sprightly, red-capped the empire would fall to pieces the the necessity for a real army pain- the club. imps, a gridiron always ready with moment pressure was applied to it fully and immediately apparent on

supply of purgatory anthracite, all has been solidified and strengthened True, it is not to be believed that for the individuals who insist on by the realization of the common there will be a war with Britain; but rushing through revolving doors at peril, and by thought of what the if the advocates of one-sided prea hurried clip and leaving them alternative to British protection paredness, all on the naval side, are entitled to argue that such a thing The world has been taught to be- is possible, then the proponents of

This war has proved that the seas danger in this practice, and to the pire represented a great scheme of are not barriers, but highways. Vast aged or infirm the revolving door iniquitous conquests; provinces held forces have been moved greater disby the power of the sword, peoples tances than those which separate THE CHRISTMAS HOMESTRETCH deprived of liberty, colonies that this country from Europe, and landyearned for an independence they ed on hostile shores. Our own coast-Behind us are several weeks of were not strong enough to seize. line of some 22,000 miles offers in-Christmas shopping, but ahead of us The time of peril came, and now the numerable opportunities for repeti- it is desirable that all the looms the homestretch to Friday supreme loyalty of these same "op- tion of such enterprises. It is non- ing that matter should be made known night—the last chance. Some of us pressed" colonies is the reproach of sense still to presume that, without from the minutes of its board of governments. It is non-As a member of the club, and quoting from the minutes of its board of governments. It therefore give you the facts an adequate army, this country is

THE ECONOMY OF ZEPPELINS!

One of the most curious results of the war is reported from Eng- for him to avail himself of the courtesy of the club because of the absolute land. The Zeppelin raids in that country have effected a positive And the salesfolks, too, are tired, of the South African Union to its saving to the British people, because they have moved them to take extraordinary precautions against fires.

A British insurance authority, now in this country, is responsible measures for the instant combating has ever known it; and the results of flames whenever they might break out, and for their prevention by every means possible. The gov-South Africa was on the whole thor- ernment established a new form of insurance, under which t undertook Berlin confidently expected that as soon as the war began there would posed to Zeppelin attacks have taken guests be an uprising that would overturn out this insurance. Those in the inthe British control and place the terior have not presumed they need-

> England's average annual fire loss for a number of years has been \$25,000,000, which, it is worth while parenthetically to observe, is very small when compared with the fear- Maggie Teyte Delights Opera ful annual fire waste of the United tive instrumentalities were respon

But since the war opened the fire loss has been reduced just about half, if the destruction by the Zeppelins be not counted. It is attributed directly to the increased precautions adopted by reason of the Zeppelin panic. Even when the losses caused by the Zeppelin activities be counted nouncement that they have been re- in, it is shown that the total is less than the \$25,000,000 of normal fire waste.

> If one-half of the very small fire waste of England can be saved in a single year by tightening up the rules and regulations and arousing the people to greater care, what might be accomplished in this country! Fire loss is hopeless, total, utter loss to the nation. Most of it, in this country, is excuseless. If England can in so short a time thus effectively enforce protective methods reducing the waste one-half, it is not too much to say that the United States should save a like Ricando proportion, despite that construction here is less adapted to fire prevention; while if our construction could be made equal to that of Europe. the saving ought to amount to Musetta, It might be a bit discouraging to "Farewell. Old Coat" song. The chor-

the Prussian instigators of Zeppe-If any one lesson has been taught | lin murder to know, also, that the

The long and short of it is, if saved property, and have inspired

awakened from a short nap to find his

He said he lived in Staten Island, and He said he lived in Staten Island, and that he walked into a saloon in Brook-lyn, where he sought a round of drinks and exposed his place of deposit. A short time later he went to sleep in the caused the reom Neither should it be for- If there is such a possibility, what pher Hanson, a saller,

WITH CLUB EXPLAINED L

Given by A. S. Worthington for Chevy Chase.

A detailed account of President Wil

As a matter of fact, President Wil the Chevy Chase Club since March 24 Vious.

Gives the Facts. Color has been lent the reports that the President was not a member of the they Chase Club because of the fact that he seldom plays golf on that course, preferring the links of the Washington Country Club, at Jewell, Va., which he uses almost daily when n Washington. The letter of Mr. Worthington to the

To the Editor of the Sun.

"Sir: In the Sun of yesterday it was stated that President Wilson declined an honorary membership in the Chevy Chase Club. As similar statements have been made in many newspapers

and ask you to publish them.
"On February 10, 1913, the board ten-dered honorary membership in the club to Mr. Wilson. On Pebruary 1 Mr. Wilson declined to accept the 18 1913 bership tendered, giving as a reason that it would be practically impossible for him to avail himself of the courengrossment of public duties

Reconsidered Declination.

"Immediately after his inauguration, through Henry Clay Stewart, of this city, who was then president of the local association of Princeton Alumni. President Wilson informed the board of governors of the club that he wished to reconsider his declination of member-ship in the club. This intimation was submitted to the board at a regular meeting held on March 10, 1913. Thereupon a resolution was adopted by board authorizing the president of the club, Mr. Thomas Hyde, to see Presi-dent Wilson and confer upon him honorary membership if he desires to ac-cept it, and to tender to him active membership if preferred.

"At the next meeting of the board, which was held on March 24, 1913, Mr. Hyde reported to the board that Mr. Wilkins (a member of the board) and himself called on President Wilson at ils solicitation and extended to him honorary membership in the club, which he accepted."
The membership which the President so accepted he still retains. The mem-

hers of his family, who are privileged guests by virtue of his membership. have been frequent visitors at the club "Washington, D. C., Dec. 20."

MUSIC

Goers With Voice of Rare Beauty and Emotion.

Washington was privileged to hear Maggie Feyte for the first time in opera last evening when the Boston Grand Opera Company gave "La Bo-hem?" of Puccini as an extended per-formance to their short season of grand opera at the Belasco Theater With Miss Teyte, a most charming Mimi, and Mine. Paviows and he Ballet Russe in a most vividly pic torial arrangement of "Spanish Dances," which added yet another dominant note to Pavlowa's already "Spanish vet another lavish list of ballets, two more opportunities were granted by this company to broaden our musical and

truly dramatic experience.

The Mimi of Maggie Tevte is of infinite fineness and disclosed a voice of rare beauty with its remarkably easy flow and its many shades of emotion. She added, too, a delicate plouancy to the role in her lovely rendering of "my Name Is Mimi" and in the fete scene, which gave a grapac picture of the Latin Quarter of Paris, and her duet in the third act with Thomas Chalmers, who was an excellent Marcello was the best concerted work of the opera. In her death scene her recital of her happy days and her closing strains were again beautifully sung.

The cast, however, was not in its best estate. The performance bore all the hallmarks of a "hurry up" one, which was particularly unfortunate, because of the detailed excellence of previous operas given here do Marsin, as Rodolfo, was in bad form from a severe which made his voice strident and un-pleasant in the scenes with Mimi-He was obviously ill, and it was unfortunate that Miss leyte should be at such a disadvantage.

While an attractive and vivacious
Musetta, Elvira Amazar did not re-

"Farewell, Old Coat" song. The chor-us was, as always, excellent and the setting in every way artistic. Moran-zoni conducted. The Spanish ballet was a brilliant achievement throughout. Set in a carnival scene, with moon-like lan-terns, the color and costumes gave real splendor to the eye. Never probably was the Pavlowa more free, more abandoned, more dramatic, in her nany solos. A Carmen in scarlet, white and black, with mantilla and fan, she gave with all her great ballet art a real characterization of the part. It was Spanish and internet the part. It was Spanish and intense-ly alive. The climax of her work, however, came in her sinuous aban-don in the true Spanish costume of the fete day, a marvel in multi-col-ored fabrics. The entire corps de bal-let entered into the same spirit of these dances, the susemble work bethese dances, the ensemble work be ing brilliantly effective and most vitally executed, while the music of Massanet, Mascowski, and Glazou-

right sock had been rifled of \$80. "I believe I would have felt the robber at work." Ruddy confided to the police, "only my foot went to sleep." *Specialty of Governments." Specialty of Governor

Samuel M. Raiston's specialty is raising fine bogs. When he becomes over-burdened with affairs of the Indiana is at Hull House today following her removal from Pressysterian Hospital. and was replied commonwealt; he goes to his farm-

FOURTEEN XMAS **OPPORTUNITIES**

OPPORTUNITY NO. 1.

OPPORTUNITY NO. 8.

Old grandmother, two grandchildren

Blind grandmother, mother with three twelve and seven years. Grandmother is doing her best to make a real home for the children. \$200 a year is needed. George D. Horning Lunch Bunch The Lunch Bunch..... Taylor Closed. OPPORTUNITY NO. 9. Breadwinner dead of tuberculosis. Still needed, \$366,60. of fourteen, working hard to learn to electrician. Amount, needed. \$260. trade OPPORTUNITY NO. 2. Descrited wife and four children. Two hildren were in institution, but mother now is endeavoring to keep all at home amount needed, \$250. Previously acknowledged \$50.75 J. H. D. (through The Times) 1.00 Previously acknowledged H. D. (through Times)..... Baby Joan E. L. W. Still needed, \$196.75. The Lunch Bunch..... OPPORTUNITY NO. 10. Cash Widow and three children. Discour-aged, worn out mother, paying penalty of tuberculosis, with which children had Lunch Bunch..... The OPPORTUNITY NO. 3. Mother and two children. After brutal reatment hisband left her penniless. Amount needed, \$312. 75.25 Total Still needed, \$236.75. OPPORTUNITY NO. 11. A. B. M. Mrs, C. J. T..... M. P. B. Frail widow and two children. Mother has arrested case of tuberculosis and is unable to attend to more than her

ousehold duties. Amount needed \$280. The Lunch Bunch.... Previously acknowledged.
J. H. D. (through The Times)
Mrs. G. W. H. M. The Lunch Bunch F. B. W. OPPORTUNITY NO. 4. A descrited wife and four small chil-ren. Alone this descrited wife failed Still needed, \$208.25. to earn enoughome for her OPPORTUNITY NO. 12. Widow with four children under four-Amount needed \$364 Previously acknowledged...... een. Another case where mother, after H. D. (through The Times) ... D. (through The Times) W. H. M. The Lunch Bunch (through The Times)..... R. G. Taylor. The Lunch Bunch Still needed, \$451.75. OPPORTUNITY NO. 13. Blind mother, partially blind father, vix children, all under fourteen. Against great odds mother and father, despite Still needed \$211.50

rreat odds mother and father, desp heir physical handlesp, are trying keep home together. Amount needed, \$520. OPPORTUNITY NO. 5. Previously acknowledged. Father incurably ill. Wife and four children. With her husband in a hos-pital this mother is working night and J. H. D. (through The Times).. H. M. day to keep her children with her The Lunch Bunch..... mount needed, \$260 R. G. Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. S. (through reviously seknowledged II. D. Othrough The Times The Timest..... The G's Bowman through The W. H. M. Me and Mrs. C. P. S. ethrough The Lunch Bunct E. M.....

Linke Students Club, Y W. C. Still needed \$423.50. OPPORTUNITY NO. 14. four small children sears of struggle this woman had to ask Cotal Amount needed, \$312. Still needed. \$114,25. Previously acknowledged.

J. H. D. (through The Times). OPPORTUNITY NO. 6. Widow with five children. Friends, church, and the Associated Charities W. 1(. M. have kept this home together until now Mr. and Mrs The Lunch Bunch Previously acknowledged D. S.... J. T (through The Old Soidier Still needed, \$200,50, The Lunch Bunch

UNDESIGNATED R. C. Obrough The Times:
S. Y. Obrough The Times: wirl after a year's course at free vocaher blind father and little sisters. \$156 Friend (through The Times) Pledge W. E. F.

ount subscribed to date

Balance required ...

Rev. John T. Maguire Goes Moraht Says Gen. French To Philadelphia Parish

OPPORTUNITY NO. 7.

Blind father and four children.

J. H. D. (through The Times) R. M. R. N. P. B.

year is needed. Previously acknowledged

The Lunch Bunch

Still needed. 399.25

After a service of fifteen years at the Catholic University of America. partment, the Very Rev. John T. Maguire. S. T. L., Ph. D., will leave shortly for Philadelphia, where he has accepted the position of irremovable rector of St. Elizabeth's parish.

It was in Philadelphia that Dr. Maguire received his early training, having graduated from the Christian Brothers' College there in 1882. From there he went to St. Charles Seminary in Overbrook, and in 1893 entered the Catholic University here, where he received the degree of bachelor of sacred theo-Later he studied in Bonn Unlogy. versity, Germany; versity, and the University of Pennsyl

His new parish is one of the largest the diocese, and there are twenty eight parochial teachers under his supervision

Car Skids and Turns Over, Pins Driver Underneath

An automobile driven by William Nally, aged thirty, of 1240 Tenth street southeast, skidded and overturned near Eighth and M streets southeast late last night, pinning Nally under the car. He sustained cuts on the head and face. but his injuries are not regarded as

eral weeks. She is greatly improved.

Lacks Brains and Action

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3,013,30

BERLIN (via wireless to Savville) Dec. 22.—Commenting on the removal of General French as commander-inof General French as commander-in-chief of the British forces. Major Moraht, German military critic, pays tribute to the deposed commander but Boylar Aranum District Council, pregreedeclares he has never shown military "German officers at the front always

orsidered French a genileman. Moraht, "and believed he was not re sponsible for the occasional barbarous conduct of colored detachments. French was only a man of business routine, which was less his personal fault than which was less his personal fault than the fault of the English nation which always lacked comprehensive views "Lord Reberts was no admirer of French, who in the future will be esteemed as a frank, solid, stanch soldier of sympathetic character, but neither a man of brains nor action."

Agricultural Department Answers Bureau Criticism

The annual report of the editor of the Department of Agriculture, made public yesterday, shows the circulation of documents issued by him aggregated 36,000,000 at the end of the last fiscal year.

While the great bulk of reports, bulletins and miscellaneous publications were distributed free of charge, a large number of special documents, 335,863, to number of special documents, 330,853, to be exact, was purchased by the interested public from the superintendent of documents, and a revenue of \$23,011.10 was thereby derived by Uncle Sam.

Farmers' bulletins were the hear sellers, a total of 14,975,000 copies of these sellers, a total of 14,975,000 copies of these care of the Capital Traction Company and the care of the crowds attending Christmas even masses in the Capital Traction Company will run the capital traction Company will run the capital traction Company and the care of the crowds attending Christmas even masses in the Capital Traction Company and Electric Company to capital Traction Company and Electric Company to capital Traction Company and Electric Company to capital Traction Company and Electric Company and the capital Traction Company and Electric Company to capital Traction Company and the capital Traction Com

THREE DAYS LEFT TO AID 53 NEEDY

"Lunch Bunch" Members Contribute \$1 Each to Fourteen Charity Opportunities.

(Continued from First Page.)

is \$1,718.70, leaving a lalance need-Through the gifts asked for at this Christmas season, many of these families may become self-sustaining, and the children will be able to look the world in the face, and not be under a stigma because of the help extended

them in time of stress.

Everyone of these families has come to its present need because of circumstances that could happen to a large majority of the families of Washington. Some of them would have regarded misery as far off as those who are asked to help them.
One contributor, sending a contribu-

tion through The Times, writes: "I en-close a dollar bill with the request that it be sent by an employe of The Times and not given to the credit of ub-par-ties. Your paper does a great deal of good, but why don't employes of your it is delivered

Care In Distribution.

Every cent of the money contributed to the opportunities is to go to the families designated. The families were selected by the Associated Charities, which is best qualified to know of such cases. The efforts of that organization in respect to the opportunities have the indorsement of The Times. The money is not to be handed to the families out right, but given in weekly or monthly payments throughout the year, insuring a steady income instead of a lump sum gift which might be dissipated. If this arrangement is not satisfactory, and the contributor signing himself "A Reader" will call for the contribution it will be returned.

MAIL BAG (From The Times' Readers)

Communications to the Mail Bag must be written on one side of the paper only: must not exceed 200 words in length, and must be signed with name and address of sender. The publication of letters in The Times' Mail Bag does not mean the indorsement by The Times of the opinions of the writer. The Mail Bag is an open forum, where the citizens of Washington can argue most questions. questions.

Says Man Arrested As Crank Is Brilliant Lecturer.

to the Editor of THE TIMES There was arrested in the Capitol grounds last week a man who carried a anner protesting against war and preparedness for war. He was locked up for several days and then, without a trial, released when it that he had broken no law. it was realized

Although his manner of protest was no less sane than the methods of Mr. Ford and Mr. Bryan, there was a hint of question of this man's mental condi-

Within a week the present writer has heard two brilliant and profound lec-tures by Emil L. Gerardi, the principal in the above incident, and was deeply impressed by his mentality and spirit-uality. Mr. Gerardi has been an couality. Mr. Gerardi has been clesiastic; he has studied in the sities at Louvain, Innsbruck, and Brookiand, but left the church because he could no longer subscribe to all its doctrines. He is a student of the Oriental religious, and a teacher of great

clearness and power. TOM PLAYFAIR Washington, Dec. 21.

Wants Explanation of Inconsistencies Of Sending Gifts To Germany.

To the Editor of THE TIMES in a recent paper is an appeal for funds for the shipment of food by par-cel post to Germany and Austria. this neutral country opened their hearts and pocketbooks to the destitute of Beigium, Poland, and Serbia, but how are we to reconcile the official statements of the German and Austrian governments that con-ditions are normal and food plentitul with this appeal for aid."

I am sure many of us will hesitate to contribute for the Germans and Austrians if they are not in need when we know that all the charity or which we are capable is needed and will

superchated by the people of Beighen. Foland, and Scrola.

I shall be glad if any of your readers will reconcile the official statements of German, and Austria with this appear for aid, for I believe many of us will i. for I believe many assistance unless this variance is explained

MRS E. H HARDFSTY.

IN CAPITAL TODAY

Meeting, io nt committee of the Chamber of Commerce Beard of Trade and Retail Mercants Association on Lancoin Highway Instrict National Pank Building, 4 y m. Mason,—School of Instruction Naomi, No. 3 Brookants No. 11 Eastern Star. Odd Fellows Fiction (11), No. 29: Eastern No. 3, Hatmony, No. 3. No. 1, Harmony, No. 2, Knights of Pythias Mount Vernon, No. 1 Hermone, No. 12, Union, No. 22, Columbia, No. 21 Friendship Temple, No. 2, Pythian sile euritre parts. Socialist parts. Italian branch "Uncle Remus" night, Sou-Tricle Remus" night, Southern Society small ballroom, New Willard, 8 p. m.

Amusements.

Poli's-'Mam'zelic 55 3.15 and 8.15 p. m Keith's-Vaudeville, 2.15 end 8.15 p. m. Casino-War pictures, "The Battles of a Na-Gayety-Burlesque, "15 and 8 15 p. m.

Tomorrow.

Annual Christmas celebration, Sunday screed of Poundry M. E. Church, in church, p. m.
Masonio-The New Jerusalem, No. 5; Hiram.
No. 10, Royal Arch Chapter, William F.
Hunt, No. 16, Eastern Star.
Odd Fellows-Excelsior, No. 17; Covenant, No.
13; Salem, No. 12; Columbia, No. 16.
Knights of Pythias-Harmony, No. 21;
Knights of columbus-beame Council,
National Union-Bancroft Council, Dahlgren
Council Socialist party-Y. P. S. L. business meet

Special Car Schedules To Take Care of Crowds

The editor says all his articles were helf hour thereafte, until the regular sacceps." that the documents never half hour thereafte, until the regular half to make 'neess time and they have penedide to restance. The Washington England Electric 'unitary is an absence of any reference to application of suits.